

REMARKS

The rejections on §112 are respectfully traversed. There is no §112 requirement that exact words used in a claim as filed be found in the specification; on the contrary, the law is clear that the original claims are themselves regarded as a part of the specification disclosure, legally. The “embossment” is the “indentation” 22. The “gap” is of course the “unsealed...joint 28”.

The last paragraph of the specification makes totally clear how to put in the light bulb. As shown in Fig. 1, the two lower elements 34 fit into the holes in the housing aligned with them in the drawing. As taught here, all that need be done is put one wire from the bulb between an element and its housing hole, and the other between the other and its hole.

If desired, we could amend the drawings to add a block diagram illustrating this, but submit that it would help no one.

Claims 1 through 5 have been rejected as “anticipated” by Wu. Such a rejection is (although not explicitly so in the Office Action) under 35 U.S.C. §102. And it is elementary black letter patent law that it is only proper if the single reference involved (here, Wu) includes each and every feature or element of each claim so rejected.

Claims 1 through 5 and 7 each requires a contact pin (“one of said pins”) which has at one end male-blade-spaced portions (to accept one blade of a plug, specification 2:15-16); Wu shows no such end of a pin. Wu’s male pin receiving means, in contrast, is two spaced “flat metal pins 111 and 112” (col. 4, line 60).

Furthermore, Wu has nothing whatsoever meeting another feature of claim 1, “at the other end cooperative valving and seating portions”.

Wu thus absolutely cannot be regarded as anticipating claims 1 through 5 and 7.

Claim 6 is apparently also rejected as anticipated by Wu. Claim 6 is dependent on claim 1, so that all the remarks above with respect to claims 1 through 5 and 7 apply here too.

Other features not found in Wu appear in the claims and additionally rebut anticipation.

Claim 6 is rejected also on §103 over Wu, and over Wu in view of Brown. But neither has anything at all to do with applicant's problem, his solution, or his structure.

Nor is Wu in any way concerned with preventing flow of plastic during overmolding, noting neither any undesirability nor any solution thereof.

This is traversed as an improper combination even if Wu were anticipatory as to the other claims, which it plainly, as seen, is not. Lack of motivation to do the combination, concerned with altogether unrelated problem is not shown. And the Federal Circuit, which oversees both you and we, has over and over and over, for years and years and years, ruled that without motivation, no combination of references is proper.

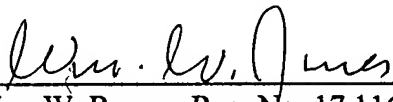
In view of what has been said about Wu, it seems academic and moot whether §102(e) applicable is the old or the new. For the record however, our view is that it is the new, because our filing date was after the statutory switchover date, and Wu's application was published eighteen months after his filing date and thus prior to ours.

We'd welcome a telephone call, any time.

A check in the amount of \$42 in payment of the fee for the fourth independent claim is enclosed. Please charge any deficiency, or apply any credit, to Deposit Account No. 18-2376.

The application is submitted to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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